

REMARKS:

- 1) Entry and consideration of this Response after Final are respectfully requested. This Response merely cancels rejected claims, so that all remaining claims should now be allowable. This Response does not raise any new issues that would require further search or consideration. Thus, entry of this Response after Final is appropriate, and is respectfully requested.
- 2) Referring to item 4) of the Office Action Summary, please note that claim 37 was already canceled previously.
- 3) In the present amendment, claims 42, 43, 45 and 46 are canceled. The remaining claims are now claims 25 to 36, 38 to 41 and 44.
- 4) The election of the Group I product claims is hereby affirmed. After the present amendment, claims 25 to 31, 40, 41 and 44 are directed to and read on the elected product invention. Non-elected method claims 32 to 36, 38 and 39 remain withdrawn, but depend from elected claim 25 and are directed to a method-of-making the elected product of claim 25. Because claim 25 has been indicated as allowable, the Examiner is respectfully requested to rejoin, consider and allow the dependent method-of-making claims 32 to 36, 38 and 39 in accordance with MPEP 821.04 and 2116.01.
- 5) Referring to sections 6, 7 and 9 on pages 2 to 4 of the Office Action, the rejections of claims 42, 43, 45 and 46 under 35 USC

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112(1) and 35 USC 103 have been obviated by the cancellation of those claims. Thus, please withdraw the rejections.

- 6) All remaining elected product claims 25 to 31, 40, 41 and 44 have been allowed. All further remaining claims 32 to 36, 38 and 39 depend from allowed product claim 25 and are directed to a method of making the patentable product of claim 25, so that these claims should now be rejoined and allowed (see MPEP 821.04 and 2116.01). Thus, all remaining claims should now be allowable.
- 7) Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 25 to 36, 38 to 41 and 44, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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